

Macon County

January - February 2022

HCE HIGHLIGHTS

“Enhancing the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and experiences, encouraging responsible leadership and service to the community.”

A NEW OPPORTUNITY!

On the first Wednesday of each month, we will need to have two members to go to the Imboden Creek Assisted Living area and do a simple craft with them.

Please call Bonnie Lanham at 217-428-7404 if you would be interested in doing this. Several members have taken this opportunity and have thoroughly enjoyed being with the residents.

A Note from Karen Halicki

I would like to thank the following ladies for agreeing to be on the County Board: Sandy Severe for First Vice, Lyn Stevens for 2nd Vice, Elaine Hamm for secretary, Vicki Wooten for agreeing to stay on as Co-International with Lois Miller as Co-International. Thanks again for being part of this great Board.

A big thank you goes out to Bonnie, Karen C, Sandy and Roxy, our Extension secretary, for getting the program booklets together with me. Even with all of the eyes on the booklets, we always seem to miss something. So, members, look at your program booklets, page 17, and add Friday, September 2 as the RSVP date for the September 7 lesson. The International Day RSVP date will be in the August newsletter, so be watching for it.

After 27 years of being on the Board as a Board member or a representative for my unit, I have decided to slow down. My unit member, Cheryl Sample, is on the Board for Cultural Enrichment, so I will let her handle information for our unit. I will be attending lessons, and I will be helping with several lessons next year. I hope you all have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Medical Identity Theft

Karen Halicki

We watched a web program at go.illinois.edu/MedicalTheft at the Extension Office. You can go to the website if you would like to hear it. I have listed some of the highlights from this program.

- Understand what medical theft is and how it works.
- Learn about resources and what to do if it happens to you.
- They will steal, trick you, take your wallet, pretend to help you and use a data breach to gain access to your information.
- It can affect your medical and health insurance records. By someone else using your information, they can show a different blood type, inaccurate history, illnesses, injury, allergy or a condition that you do not have.
- Get copies of your medical records and check them.
- If you lose your health insurance card, call and ask for a new ID number and a new card.
- Shred papers with your medical identity before putting them in the trash or recycle bin.
- Remove or destroy the labels on your prescription bottles and packages.
- Never share health data or health information over the phone, email, website, or apps.
- Report your identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission at www.identitytheft.gov.
- Receive medical specialty reports at www.MIB.com.
- Senior Medical Patrol at www.smpresources.org
- Age options at www.ageoptions.org or call 800-669-0043. Free credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com

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Reminder!!!

Christian County members, your program books are available for pick up after January 5 at the Taylorville Extension Office, 1120 N. Webster St., Taylorville, Illinois. If you have any questions, call Bonnie Lanham at 217-428-7404. We have great lessons planned for 2022!



Laughter is Good for the Soul

Upcoming Events

**Monday, January 3 &
Tuesday, January 4**
**Extension Office Closed
Happy New Year!**

Monday, January 10
HCE Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Extension Office
Clover Room

Monday, January 17
**Extension Office Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Monday, February 7
Tri-County Meeting
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Extension Office
Clover Room

Monday, February 14
HCE Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.
Extension Office
Clover Room
Newsletter items due to
Linda Austin @
lindaaustin48@gmail.com

Friday, February 25
Scholarship Applications
Available Online @
www.mchce.org under
Education tab. Scholarship
Committee Chairman
Carol Ropp

As the old year FINALLY concludes and this new year begins, I looked through my many resources to find some amusing stories about getting older. I don't know about you, but time is going faster the older I get!! Enjoy! Linda

You shouldn't be worried about your smartphone or TV spying on you. Your vacuum has been getting dirt on you for years!! (That's bad, isn't it?)

If you can't think of the right word to say, just say that you can't think of the English word for it. People will think you are bilingual instead of an idiot. (This happens to me ALL of the time! I don't think that I fool most people!)

I am at a place in my life where errands count as "going out". (That's sad, isn't it?)

I don't always go the extra mile but when I do, it's because I missed an exit. (This has happened to me several times. I always say that I am taking the scenic route.)

There are days that I just want to put an "Out of Order" sticker on my head and call it a day! (Today was one of those days. I twisted my knee getting boxes out of my Christmas closet and I dropped most everything that I picked up! My toilet backed up and I had to go down to the basement to get the plunger. That made my twisted knee hurt more! Tomorrow will be better, I hope!)

Meet Our New Board Members

Elaine Hamm—Board Secretary

I grew up in the country north of Stonington and was a 10 year 4-H member. I have been married for 41 years to my husband, David. We have a son, Jonathan, who earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Bradley University, and is now co-owner of a PT clinic in Peoria. My daughter-in-law, Andrea, is a sonographer for an OB-Gyn doctor at Springfield Clinic in Peoria. She also has her own photography business. We have three amazing grandsons: Brock (10), Mason (8) and Lucca (5) whom we thoroughly enjoy! In 2017, I retired from ADM, where I had been an administrative assistant for almost 20 years. My mother was a Home Extension member in Christian County, and I have good memories of attending some meetings with her. I serve as President of our wonderful Hickory Point HCE unit and I look forward to the role of Board Secretary and being blessed with more friendships.

Lyn Stevens—2nd Vice President

I was born and raised here in Decatur and graduated from the old Stephen Decatur HS. I have been married to my husband, Jim, for over 52 years. We raised two daughters and one son. Our second daughter has blessed us with four grandchildren. The last two grandchildren are twins, a boy and a girl, and are seniors in high school.

I worked as a preschool teacher for over 25 years. I usually worked in the 3 or 4 year old classrooms, but I have also worked with children from 6 weeks old to 12 years old. Currently, I go in one day a week to help with the 3 year old class at our church's preschool. I like to tell people that I am getting my "little kid fix!"

Over the years, I have dabbled in a lot of different hobbies. When my girls were little, I made a lot of their clothes. I know how to knit and crochet. I have done a variety of crafts. Now I stay way too busy with volunteer work.

As a family, we camped using campers—not in a tent.(Oh no!) We were in a camping club that had a big rally once a year and people from all over the country and Canada attended. We had friends from all over the place.

After our daughters left home, my husband's job started moving him around. We have lived in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Georgia. My husband gets the bug to move every so often. We have moved 23 times in our married life. When we retired, we moved back home to Decatur to be closer to our family, especially the grandchildren.

Many of you know my mother, Pauline O'Dell. She has been an HCE member for a very long time. She brought me to a few activities. At the membership drive in July 2016, I joined HCE. I had a friend, Lois Miller, who was in HCE. She called and invited me to join the Rock Springs Unit, and I did. I am currently the secretary of our unit.

Sandy Severe—1st Vice President

I'm Sandy Severe and I will be your new First Vice President on the Board. I have been involved with and a member of the Macon County HCE since my sister-in-law, Lucille Knapp, brought me to a lesson on tomatoes in 2010. I have also held the Second Vice President position as well as co-secretary with Pam Walker. I have developed many lasting friendships through the organization and I hope to gain more!

This coming year we have new and exciting lessons planned and I hope you all will come and enjoy them. You will note in your new booklets that we will not have any lessons in January and February but we will start fresh again in March. I hope to see you there! I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Delicious Recipes

With the start of a new year, I thought that I would give you some “comfort food” recipes. Several members have contributed recipes for you all to enjoy. Linda

Peanut Butter Fudge- Bonnie Lanham

1 16 oz jar of peanut butter

1 16 oz can of regular frosting (not whipped or cream cheese)

Mix these ingredients together and microwave 1 minute, stir, and then microwave 1 more minute.

Add chopped pecans or walnuts. Pour into a sprayed 9 x 9 inch pan. Refrigerate until set. Cut and serve.

Chocolate Chip Cheese Ball—Mary Ann Platt

8 oz. cream cheese, softened

1 stick butter, softened

Beat these two ingredients until smooth.

Stir in:

¾ c. powdered sugar

2 Tbsp. packed brown sugar

¼ tsp. vanilla

Add and stir in ¾ c. mini chocolate chips. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Form the mixture into a ball. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour. Roll the ball in ¾ c. of finely chopped pecans. Serve with graham crackers.

Raspberry Green Tomato Jam—Lyn Stevens

2 ½ cups puréed green tomatoes (about 3 medium)

2 cups sugar

1 package(3 ounces) raspberry jello

In a large saucepan, bring tomatoes and sugar to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer uncovered for 20 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in gelatin until dissolved. Skim off any foam. Pour into jars or containers, leaving ½ inch headspace. Cool before covering with lids. Refrigerate up to 3 weeks.

Hawaiian Ham and Cheese Sliders- Mary Ann Platt

Needed equipment— 9 x 13 baking dish, pastry brush

Ingredients

¾ cup butter, melted

1 tbsp Dijon mustard (I used regular mustard)

1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

1 tsp brown sugar

1 tbsp poppy seeds (I left this out)

2 tsp dried minced onions

12 King's Hawaiian rolls (1 package)

9 oz deli ham, sliced thin

8 oz Swiss cheese, sliced thin (I used American cheese)

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9 x 13 inch baking dish with non-stick or butter the dish. Combine butter, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar, poppy seeds, and dried onion in a separate bowl. Slice the rolls to make sandwiches. Remove tops and set aside. Place the bottom pieces into the prepared baking dish. Layer the ham onto the rolls. Top the ham with the Swiss Cheese. Put the tops of the rolls onto the sandwiches. Brush or pour the liquid mixture evenly over the rolls. Bake for 20 minutes or until the rolls are lightly browned and the cheese has melted. You can separate the individual sandwiches to serve. Enjoy!

Lemon Brownies with Lemon Glaze—Mary Ann Platt

Since our country of study this year is Italy, I thought that I would publish this recipe that uses lemons, a favorite fruit of Italy. These are delicious! Linda

Brownies

1 15.25 oz box of yellow cake mix (I used Betty Crocker)

1 box of lemon instant pudding

⅓ c. of lemon juice

2 large eggs

1 tsp of lemon zest

Glaze

1 cup powdered sugar

1 tbsp of lemon juice (add a few extra drops if needed for desired consistency)

Lemon zest for garnishing (optional)

Line an 8 inch square baking dish with parchment paper and spray with cooking spray so that the brownies lift out easily. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. With a hand mixer, mix the cake mix, pudding, lemon juice, eggs and lemon zest in a medium sized mixing bowl. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and spread evenly. Bake for 22-24 minutes (I baked for 4 or 5 minutes more) or until the toothpick can be inserted in the center and comes out clean or with only crumbs (no wet batter). Remove from the oven and let cool in the pan for about 10 minutes. Lift the parchment paper out of the pan and cool thoroughly. Cut brownies into squares and make the glaze.

For the glaze, combine the powdered sugar and lemon juice together until smooth. Drizzle the glaze over the brownies and sprinkle with lemon zest. ENJOY!

Macon County Meeting

August 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: President—Bonnie Lanham at 10:15 am

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bonnie

HOMEMAKERS AIM: Bonnie

JOKE: Bonnie - Old Folks

ROLL CALL: Carol - 8 Units plus Christian County; Total attendance 14

Secretary: Carol Flitz; Motion to approve as corrected by Sally Dennis. 2nd by Linda Austin. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Sally Dennis; All bills paid. She bought 5 rolls of stamps (as price is going up). Motion to approve as presented by Mary Ann Platt. 2nd by Cheryl Sample. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Bonnie Lanham; Menu for Fall Meeting will be, Roast Pork Tenderloin, Cranberry Apple Chutney, Rice Pilaf, Vegetable Medley. The Spring Meeting will be held here, as they got a Menu from Chef Tucker while they were there. The Spring meeting will be held the last Wednesday in April of 2022.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Bonnie Lanham; District meeting will be August 30th. Anyone wanting to ride with Sally should be at Mt Zion Presbyterian Church at 8 AM, Sally will go in place of Lois Miller.

1st Vice President: Karen Halicki; Distributed the lessons & trips for 2022. As Nominating Chair she has been working on contacting people. No luck so far.

2nd Vice President: Lois Miller; She is working on setting up an HCE table at various plant sales.

Community & Family Issues & CVH: Mary Ann Platt; Mary Ann lost her brother, she also had health problems, resulting in having to postpone the July 21st strip sewing lesson she had planned. It will be held Saturday September 4th. Strip piecing will be 9:00 to 12:00. Crumb blocks will be 1:00 to 4:00. A potluck salad luncheon will be enjoyed at noon.

Cultural Issues: Cheryl Sample; Updated us on upcoming events.

Historian: Carol Ropp; No applicants for scholarships. She needs pictures for scrapbook.

International: Vicky Wooten; International Day September 15th. Menu will be do it yourself Shepherds Pie, Lettuce Salad with Scone Biscuits. Dessert will be Nana Bars. Set up will be the 14th at 1:00PM.

Public Relations: Linda Austin; She needs articles for newsletter.

Extension advisor: Beth Miglin; The reason we can no longer use the upstairs is due to Richland staff now have offices up there. Roxy will be in Piatt county on Tuesday & Thursday.

Unfinished Business: A meeting will be held September 20th to cut out pillowcases to be sewn on the 27th. The River Cruise of October 27th is canceled due to lack of interest.

New Business: No Report.

Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Carol Flitz

Macon County Meeting

September 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: President—Bonnie Lanham at 10:00 am

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bonnie

HOMEMAKERS AIM: Bonnie

JOKE: Bonnie

ROLL CALL: Karen H.

Secretary: Temp - Karen Halicki; No minutes from August.

Treasurer: Sally Dennis; Books are okay and up to date. Need to pay Vanessa VanZant \$50 for Culinary Lesson 9/8/21. Will have check for International meal (50 meals x \$12=\$600)

Correspondence: Bonnie Lanham; No report.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Bonnie Lanham; : Bonnie has a call in for Chef Tucker to have 50 meals for 9-15-21. Asked us to pass the hat for gratuity for the Fall Meeting. Board will pay the balance.

1st Vice President: Karen Halicki; Vanessa VanZant did a great lesson on Apple Strudel. I am still looking for new board members for next year. Vicky will stay on as International if she has someone to Co- Chair with her. She is every interested in Italy for next year. Lois Miller had told Karen H. that she would be interested and that another member has a husband that had been over to Italy and could help out. She has talked with 15 so far, will continue.

2nd Vice President: Lois Miller; Absent

Community & Family Issues & CVH: Mary Ann Platt; Told us about diaper plan and asked if we talked about it. Told her that we did not go into groups at the District meeting and no, nothing said about program. She will be working on lesson for Saturday. Salad lunch on Saturday everyone is to bring something for salad.

Cultural Issues: Cheryl Sample; Talked about ideas for C.E. Board. Sally suggested asking Piatt county to vote on our cultural projects at Fall Meeting. Our members will then vote on ones to go to state in March.

Historian: Carol Ropp; Absent

International: Vicky Wooten; set up Thursday at 1 P.M. for International day (Sept 15). Will have water, coffee and tea. Sign in 10 A.M. Start 10:45 Lunch Noon. Next year Italy and she is interested in having a movie about the county.

Public Relations: Linda Austin; Absent. Need news items by next month board meeting.

Volunteer Hours: Karen Cahill; No report.

Web Master: Sharon Middleton; (at 11 am) No report.

Extension advisor: Beth Miglin; Tri-County Meeting Oct 4 at 9:30 A.M. DeWitt Co.

Unfinished Business: help set up 1 P.M. Tuesday (Sept 14) for international day. Lucretia and members from DeWitt will be here to help also.

New Business: HCE Week letters had wrong date for Thursday (14 not 13), Lunch on Tuesday: Bonnie - ham and cheese sandwich, Cheryl - Broccoli soup, Mary Ann-Brownies; Lunch on Thursday: Karen C - Chicken Stuffing Casserole, Karen H-green beans and red applesauce. Membership dues Nov 1 for \$18.00.

Karen Cahill suggested more fundraisers, need new members, perhaps a computer type club (They would meet over the internet on zoom, etc.) She also suggested a new stove for the kitchen. Mary Ann motioned that we work with extension to get a new stove for the kitchen, we would pay half of it. Seconded by Cheryl. Motion Carried. Beth will talk to Doug. Sally D motioned that the 2022 Spring and Fall Meeting be \$15.00, to cover the cost of the meals, Seconded by Mary Ann. Motion carried. Bonnie will invite IAHC President Angela Hicks and District 3 Director Mary Johnson to our Fall Meeting. There will be a cutting of fabric for pillowcases on Monday Sept 20, 9 to 1. Will have Web Master voted on at Fall Meeting to be part of the County Board. November 1, Monday: Piatt Co HCE at Methodist Church in Monticello, 7 P.M. Mindy Peterson-Lindsey; Mocktail Magic, Non-alcoholic Holiday Drinks. Respectfully Submitted by; Karen Halicki

Unit News

Center Unit

Mary Lou Poor

Our meeting was held on November 1, 2021, at the Christian County Extension office. Membership dues of \$18.00 were collected. We discussed plans for the December Christmas party. We asked our members to bring hygiene items for the project in December that will be given to the Taylorville Food Pantry.

We held our next meeting on December 6, 2021, at the home of Delores Hunt. Our members all brought food for the Christmas Parties Potluck. There was a gift exchange. We played Bingo and each member went home with gifts. Our members brought hygiene items to this meeting. Sharon Turner made the beautiful Christmas bags and we filled the bags with the hygiene items. The bags will be given to the Taylorville Food Pantry.

Maple Grove

Mary Kay Ennis

We met at the Decatur Club for our annual Christmas get together. There were 11 members present. Carol Ropp began the meeting with the reading of the minutes. There were no corrections. Treasurer's report followed. In response to the treasure's report, Carol suggested that each member give \$3.65 once a year to Pennies for Friendship, instead of collecting at each meeting. A decision was not made, at this time.

It was announced that the program books, for the upcoming year, are printed and ready to be mailed. The idea of changing our meeting day was discussed, but no decision was made. Along with things to consider for next year, Carol mentioned the support we've been giving the nonprofit, Operation Enduring Support. She was wondering if we would like to continue this effort. It was decided that we should continue. A survey from MCHCE was handed out and is to be completed and returned to the HCE office.

It was suggested that our next meeting, January 27th, could be held at the Primrose Retirement Community. Two of our members are residents there, and it would be so nice to have them attend. The availability will be checked on and members will be informed through e-mail. After our meal, we played the Wright Family Game. It's become a tradition, and everyone leaves with a gift for Christmas.

Mt. Zion

Vicki Wooten

Our Mt. Zion unit had a delicious meal at the Salty Farmer in Moweaqua for our last meeting. Member Von Gregory arranged for us to go across the street to a neat gift shop. We all enjoyed looking at the unique items for sale. I just had to have an African violet that was offered for sale.

Our next meeting will be December 29th at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit church conference room. We will have a white elephant gift exchange and talk about some things about Christmas, plan for the next few months and enjoy some refreshments. Our newest member, Sue Jones, will be joining us.

Oakley-Pleasant Grove

Mary Ann Platt

Our newly united HCE unit met on December 7 at Mary Ann Platt's home. We enjoyed a light lunch, fellowship, and discussions about our newly combined customs. There were eight lovely ladies in attendance, including our Macon County HCE president, Bonnie Lanham. Thanks to everyone for attending. We are looking forward to getting to know each other better, making memories together, and sharing our knowledge of home, community, and education.

Our next meeting is February 1, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Coz's restaurant in Mt. Zion.

Patchwork

Vicki Wooten

Our unit met in November with 9 members attending. We decided to go and check out the Family Restaurant in Clinton. We had a nice meal and enjoyed our friendships. They received a form to fill out to see what they wanted to do as a unit. The lesson that was presented was "Lincoln in Illinois" and "Home Decor." We passed out information about International Day and our country of study, Italy. We will discuss more about Italy in the January and February meetings. We also voted on officers for next year.

On December 8, eight members attended our meeting at Crawford's in Maroa. Volunteer hours were discussed, as well as where to send them. We talked about the lesson, "Medical Identity Theft". It was very interesting to learn what we need to know about safety and our health. We had two new members join us this year. Judi Bohlmann joined this summer and Betty Cordts joined in December. We now have 12 members. Welcome!

International

Vicki Wooten

I hope that everyone has received a copy of the hand-outs that your units should have been given after a recent board meeting. If anyone has an idea for the program for the next International Day, please let me know. Our country of study is Italy. I have some ideas, but I can always use more. Thank you.

Community Outreach/ Family Issues

Mary Ann Platt

We have supported the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield for many years. We have been guest chefs, had custom aprons made, donated hundreds of handmade pillowcases, and donated hundreds of pounds of pop tabs. Obviously, HCE believes in the mission of the Ronald McDonald Houses.

The Ronald McDonald House in Springfield is across the street from St. John's Hospital. St. John's has an incredible NICU. The families of those children in the NICU are able to stay at the house free of charge during their baby's hospitalization. This proximity is reassuring to the families.

We were given an additional opportunity to help these families. Parents of these babies wear small flannel hearts against their skin. When the parent(s) cannot be with their babies, these hearts are left with their baby. Bonding continues because the baby still has the scent of the parents with them. On November 29, eleven ladies stitched more than 450 of these flannel hearts. It is heartwarming to know that we are contributing to these family relationships. Again I say that HCE ladies and their friends are awesome!

Officer's Reports

President

Bonnie Lanham

As this year comes to an end, I want to thank everyone for all that you have done for HCE. If not for all of you, we would have no organization. It has been really nice getting together again. Welcome to all of our new members! Some units have seen an increase in membership—good going, ladies! Let's keep the increase going into the next year. Be sure to sign up for lessons that you want to attend in 2022. We should have the new books delivered to all of the units before the end of December. I hope you all have/had a Merry Christmas and may the new year be kind to all of us!!!

First Vice President

Karen Halicki

Lesson—Tuesday, November 9, "Lincoln in Illinois—The Early Years"

Don Chamberlain has done many programs for HCE. He was a high school teacher and when he retired, he started taking pictures and touring the country. Check out his website: www.decphotography.com and see some of his beautiful pictures. His presentation on November 9th was about Abraham Lincoln from around 1830 to 1837. Lincoln arrived in Decatur in 1830 with his family and worked in farming and built fences. He made his first political speech at the town square. He survived the winter of the Big Snow, headed to New Salem while his family decided to go back to Indiana. The family ended up staying around Charleston after a friend talked his father into staying there. In 1832, Lincoln ran for Illinois State legislator for the first time and lost the election.

In 1833, he was appointed Postmaster of New Salem and also became a deputy surveyor in towns such as Petersburg, Athens, and Albany. In 1834, he ran for the state legislature for a second time and won. While traveling, he would borrow books and study while he was on horseback. In 1836, he was elected for the third time for the legislature and also applied for a license to practice law. In December of that year, he joined the "Long Nine" (legislatures from the Springfield area) who sought to move the state capitol from Vandalia to Springfield. In 1837, he was granted a Certificate of Admission to the Illinois Bar. He went back to New Salem for a while, but then decided to build a career in law in Springfield.

Lesson—Tuesday, November 9th, 2021 "The Latest Trends in Home Decor"

Peggy Phipps is from Grand Design by Peggy. She started talking about how she decided to go to design school when her daughter was in high school. At one time, she had 8 employees and about 5 years ago, she was down to one employee and decided to do her business out of her home.

When you start working on a room, Peggy suggested that you start with the flooring. For paint colors, don't forget to look at the woodwork when working with colors of paint. She suggested that you pick the paint last. It is cheaper to repaint, and sometimes shadowing can change the way a wall looks. Wallpaper has come a long way. There is no more messy paste, just peel and stick. It will release so that you can move it around. Peggy also talked about window dressing, showing us many different kinds of shades. One that stood out was a Duette Honeycomb shade. The construction creates air pockets where the light meets color. You can raise and lower from the top or bottom to suit the day and your activities. She likes to work with Pyramid in Effingham, Illinois, for granite in the kitchen.

Peggy likes to meet in your home so she can see what you are working on. Her first hour is free and sometimes people just want to be consulted about doing any changes. Someone asked her about how long she will be working in her business and she said she is in her early 70's and as long as she enjoys her job, she will keep going! She gave us a very interesting lesson.

Cultural Enrichment

Cheryl Sample

As the year winds down, why do we humans wind up? Too many last minute details, family and obligations, and just busyness in general! I remind myself to STOP, step back and enjoy the reason for the season.

Many years ago, I read that "Life is not about what is on the table, but who is in the chair." Keeping that in mind, my entertaining style has become much more relaxed in the last few years. People may not remember what I served, but hopefully they will remember how I made them feel! That being said, keep your menu and decorating simple and focus on your guests!

As I look forward to the Annual Meeting in March, I hope to find new ideas for being a better, more creative homemaker and share some of my ideas with those I meet. I plan to attend more lessons offered this year. We have excellent presenters who put a lot of time and effort into their presentations. Let's show them our appreciation by attending the lessons.

I hope to see more people use their creative abilities to participate in the arts. There is such a variety to choose from. This summer I am looking forward to attending area fairs to see what crafts and activities the 4-H members have entered. They can be such an inspiration!

Macon, Piatt, & DeWitt HCE Membership

INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Current Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
Email Address: _____ Membership Start Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

COUNTY & UNIT INFORMATION

County Joining: (Please Circle) **DeWitt** **Macon** **Piatt**
Unit Joining: _____
New Member: Returning Member: Member who is returning but belonged
previously, left, and is now returning _____
Cancellation of Membership _____ Death _____

Change of Mailing Address or Phone Number (Please list old information at the top, and the new information in the NEW INFORMATION AREA BELOW.)

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of a relative not residing with you: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Relationship: _____

PHOTO RELEASE I do hereby authorize my picture to be used in any promotion or marketing material for HCE, U of I Extension, IAHCe, or any media outlets.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

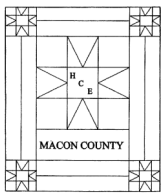
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NEW INFORMATION AREA - FOR CHANGES IN ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER ETC.
(Please list the names of anyone who referred you to the HCE Organization.)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please fill out the contact information sheet above and either mail it to the Macon County Extension Office at 3351 N. President Howard Brown Blvd., Decatur, Illinois 62521, or bring it to Roxy at the office no later than January 31, 2022. Thank you. **THIS IS IMPORTANT, WE ASK THAT EVERY MEMBER FILLS THIS OUT AND RETURNS IT.** It has been many years since this information has been updated and we have many new members.





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